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## REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION OF PATENT TERM ADJUSTMENT

Sir:

The applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the patent term adjustment for the above-identified application. This patent is not subject to a terminal disclaimer.

The patent term adjustment indicated on the Notice of Allowance is 61 days, which the applicant agrees is correct. However, the patent term adjustment indicated on the Notice of Issuance is 0 days. The applicant believes that this term should be 61 days, as explained below. This request is filed pursuant to Rule §1.705(d).

On May 24, 2004, the Examiner telephoned the undersigned to discuss an Examiner's amendment to claims 1 and 2. On May 28, 2004, the undersigned agreed to the proposed amendment. As a result of this amendment, the application was allowed. A Notice of Allowance was mailed

by the Examiner on June 3, 2004, and was received by the undersigned on June 7, 2004. Included with this notice was the determination of patent term adjustment, an Examiner's Amendment and an Interview Summary. The patent term adjustment at that time was calculated to be 61 days, as stated above. The Examiner's Amendment states that the amendment was authorized during a telephonic interview on May 28, 2004. Finally, the interview summary, a copy of which is attached to this petition, was appended. The Interview Summary required that a substance of interview be filed.

The receipt of the Notice of Allowance and accompanying Interview Summary was the first time that the undersigned was made aware of his requirement to submit a substance of interview statement. As stated in MPEP 710.04, "where an examiner initiated interview directly results in the allowance of the application, the examiner may ... indicate that the examiner will provide a written record of the substance of the interview with the Notice Allowability". Although the Examiner did include a written record of the substance of the interview, the form required the undersigned to supplement this record with one from the applicant.

In the last paragraph of the interview summary, it clearly states "APPLICANT IS GIVEN ONE MONTH FROM THIS INTERVIEW DATE, OR THE MAILING OF THIS INTERVIEW SUMMARY FORM, WHICHEVER IS LATER, TO FILE A STATEMENT OF THE SUBSTANCE OF THE INTERVIEW".

In compliance with that requirement, the undersigned mailed a statement of the substance of interview on June 8, 2004. It is this document which is being used to create a

reduction of the period of patent term adjustment, pursuant to CFR 1.704(c)(10).

CFR 1.704(a) states that "the period of adjustment of the term of a patent...shall be reduced by a period equal to the period of time during which the applicant failed to engage in reasonable efforts to conclude prosecution of the application". CFR 1.704(b) and CFR 1.704(c) then enumerate the situations in which the applicant failed to engage in reasonable efforts.

Although the mailing of the statement of the substance of the interview did occur after the mailing of the Notice of Allowance, the undersigned did not fail to engage in reasonable efforts. As mentioned, the receipt of the Notice of Allowance marked the first time that the undersigned was made aware of the fact that an interview summary was required. Furthermore, once realizing that an interview summary was required, the undersigned generated and mailed this information on the following day!

In view of these events, the applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the patent term adjustment in view of the afore-mentioned.

Respectfully submitted,

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